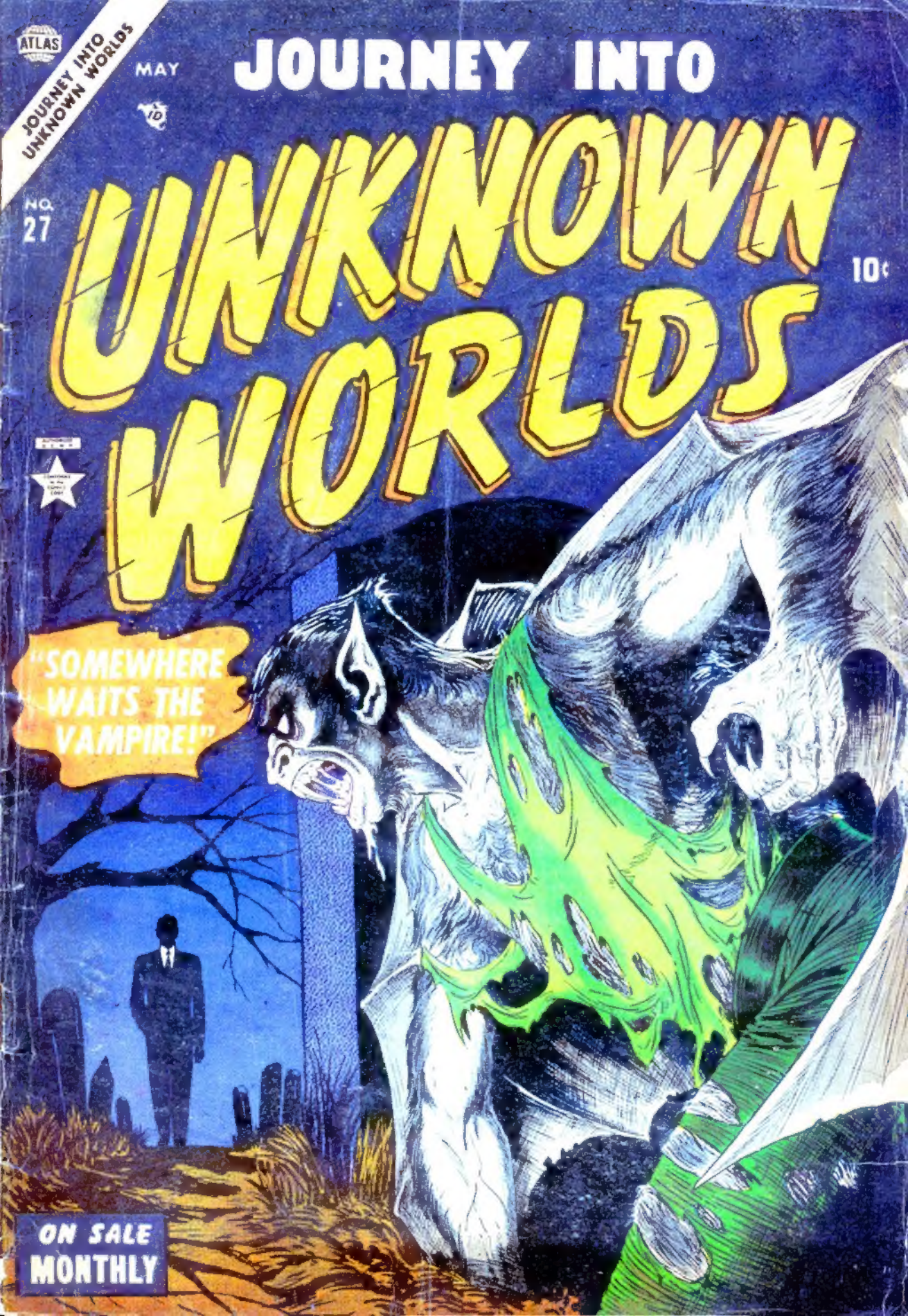
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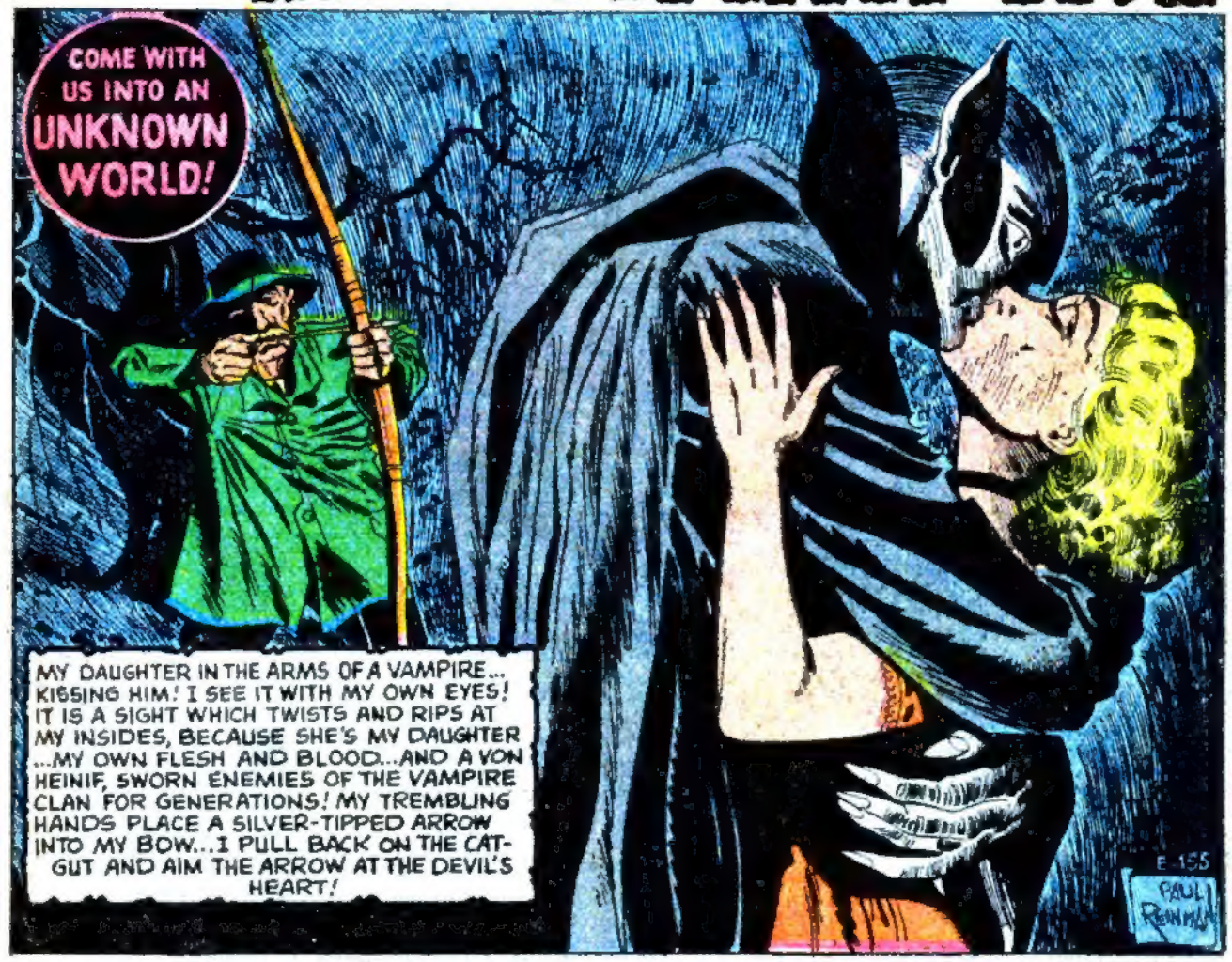
READY FOR A JOURNEY INTO UNKNOWN WORLDS, KIDDIES? GOOD! WHAT BETTER WAY TO START OFF THAN WITH A VAMPIRE TALE! THIS GAL IS JUST MAD ABOUT THE BLOOD-THIRSTY CREEP... BUT SUCH AMOUR CAN ONLY BRING TROUBLE... SO WATCH OUT, SOPHIA!

SOMEWHERE WAITS THE VAMPIRE


COME WITH US INTO AN UNKNOWN WORLD!
MY DAUGHTER IN THE ARMS OF A VAMPIRE... KISSING HIM! I SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES! IT IS A SIGHT WHICH TWISTS AND RIPS AT MY INSIDES, BECAUSE SHE'S MY DAUGHTER ...MY OWN FLESH AND BLOOD...AND A VON HEINIF, SWORN ENEMIES OF THE VAMPIRE CLAN FOR GENERATIONS! MY TREMBLING HANDS PLACE A SILVER-TIPPED ARROW INTO MY BOW...I PULL BACK ON THE CAT-GUT AND AIM THE ARROW AT THE DEVIL'S HEART!
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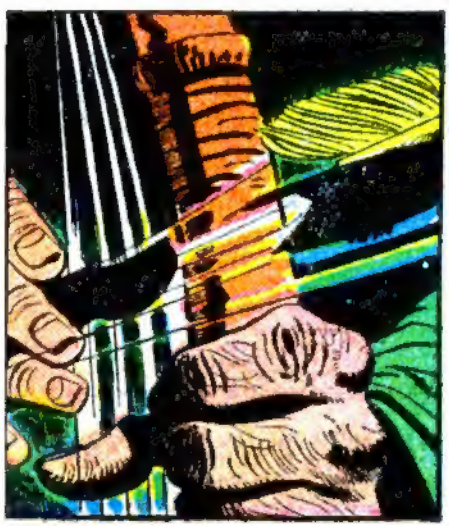
A TWANG SLAPS THE SILENCE OF THE NIGHT AS I RELEASE THE ARROW...AND IT HISSES LIKE A SNAKE AS IT SPEEDS TOWARD HIM...



AS HE SPREADS HIS HUGE BAT WINGS, I FILL MY BOW WITH ANOTHER SILVER-HEADED ARROW!

A GUST OF WIND STIRS THE DUST AS HE RISES FROM THE GROUND, AND MY ARROWS PURSUE THE BEAST OF NIGHT AS HE SOARS OVER THE TREE TOPS!

SO GREAT IS MY HATE FOR VAMPIRES, IT EXCEEDS MY LOVE FOR SOPHIA! AND IT IS NOT UNTIL THE SOUND OF HIS WINGS ARE WHISPERS THAT I GIVE UP MY HUNT AND TEND TO MY DARLING DAUGHTER!

FORGIVE ME, SOPHIA! THE ARROW WAS MEANT FOR HIM, NOT FOR YOU! I'VE GOT TO GET YOU TO THE DOCTOR BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!
I'LL BE ALL RIGHT, FATHER... NOW THAT I KNOW KRASKA'S SAFE!

AS I CARRY HER TO THE DOCTOR'S HOUSE, I DON'T QUESTION MY DAUGHTER'S DISOBEDIENCE, NOR HER REASON FOR SHAMING ME, BECAUSE I *KNOW* THE ANSWERS! WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE, AND ALWAYS HER ANSWERS ARE THE SAME...

I LOVE HIM, FATHER! I DON'T CARE WHAT HE IS... OR THAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ENEMIES!
BUT HE WILL MAKE *YOU* AS *HE* IS, CHILD... A BLOODLESS SCAVENGER OF HUMANS!

THE WALK TO THE DOCTOR'S HOUSE SEEMS ENDLESS, AND WHEN WE GET THERE, MY SOPHIA IS LIMP AND SILENT!

A THOUSAND TORTURES TORMENT ME AS I WAIT WHILE THE DOCTOR WORKS OVER MY PRECIOUS SOPHIA! AND OUT THERE, HANGING FROM THE CEILING OF NIGHT, I SEE HIM...THAT BAT-DEVIL...ALSO WAITING!

HOURS LATER, MY VIGIL IS REWARDED, AS THE DOCTOR COMES OUT OF THE ROOM AND ASSURES ME THAT SOPHIA WILL LIVE!

THANK YOU, HERR DOCTOR! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE IF...

NO NEED TO THINK OF THAT NOW, HERR VON HEINIF! SHE LOST A GREAT DEAL OF BLOOD, BUT WITH REST, SHE WILL BE AS ALWAYS! GO IN AND SEE HER WHILE I PUT ON A POT OF COFFEE!

I WALK INTO THE ROOM... AND ONLY BECAUSE I AM A VON HEINIF IS MY HEART ABLE TO STAND WHAT I SEE!

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF OF HER, YOU BLASTED LEECH!

OWW! YOU'RE CHOKING ME! (GASP!).. YOU DEVIL!

KRASKA! DON'T! LET HIM GO FOR MY SAKE... LET HIM GO!

NOW LEAVE, KRASKA... PLEASE! AND WHEN I AM WELL, I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN!

OVER MY DEAD BODY YOU WILL!

IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW, AS SOPHIA RECOVERS, I AM AT HER SIDE EVERY SECOND OF THE NIGHT...

GO TO SLEEP, SOPHIA! YOU NEED REST! I WILL STAY AWAKE AND KEEP THAT DEVIL KRASKA AWAY!

BUT I DON'T WANT HIM KEPT AWAY, FATHER! CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND? I LOVE HIM!

A VON HEINIF CANNOT *LOVE* A VAMPIRE! *HATE*, YES... BUT LOVE... *NEVER*! FOR GENERATIONS WE VON HEINIF'S HAVE SWORN DEATH ETERNAL TO *ALL* VAMPIRES... AND I SHALL KEEP THAT VOW... OR PERISH IN THE ATTEMPT!

AND *I* SHALL PERISH IF YOU KEEP YOUR VOW!

SOPHIA, MY CHILD... YOU ARE BLINDED BY A FALSE LOVE! YOUR YOUNG EYES HAVE NOT SEEN THE HORRIBLE DEEDS I HAVE SEEN THOSE FIENDS PERPETRATE!
"BEFORE YOU WERE BORN, SOPHIA, DROVES OF THOSE DEVILS BLACKENED THE SKIES, SEARCHING THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR BLOOD! THEY BROUGHT TERROR TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD..."
INTO YOUR HOMES! IT'S THE VAMPIRES!
"AND WHILE WE HID IN OUR HOMES, THE VAMPIRES ATTACKED OUR HERDS OF SHEEP... AND SUCKED THEM DRY OF BLOOD..."
"AND AFTER YOU WERE BORN, THEY KILLED YOUR MOTHER..."
"YOUR BROTHER, TOO, DIED FROM THE FANGS OF A VAMPIRE, WHEN HE TRIED TO HELP YOUR MOTHER..."
HELP! HELP! AARG!
AND THEY DID THIS TO ME! I'VE FOUGHT THEM EVER SINCE... AND I'LL FIGHT THEM UNTIL I DIE!
BUT WORDS ARE USELESS WEAPONS AGAINST LOVE... AND AFTER SOPHIA IS WELL AGAIN, SHE CONTINUES HER MEETINGS WITH THE DEVIL KRASKA...
I HAVE MY ARROW POINTED AT HIM... BUT IF SOPHIA WARNS HIM AGAIN AND TAKES THE ARROW AS SHE DID THE LAST TIME, I MIGHT KILL HER!
I CANNOT CHANCE IT AGAIN! I MUST THINK OF SOME OTHER WAY TO DESTROY HIM... AND SAVE MY SOPHIA BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE! I WILL TRAP HIM LIKE AN ANIMAL... AND KILL HIM!
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THE NEXT DAY I ACQUIRE A BEAR TRAP... THE LARGEST AND HEAVIEST I CAN FIND! I COVER ITS JAWS WITH MOLTEN SILVER... THEN I FILE THE TEETH TO THE SHARPNESS OF A SWORD!

SILVER WOUNDS ARE DEATH TO A VAMPIRE!

UNDER COVER OF NIGHT, I LAY THE TRAP IN THE MEETING PLACE AND THEN HIDE...AND WAIT!

I'LL GO A LONG WAY OFF, SO I WON'T BE SEEN! I'LL BE ABLE TO HEAR HIM CRY WHEN THE TRAP SHUTS!

MY LONG WAIT IS REWARDED AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT BY A SCREAM OF PAIN!

OW.W!

THAT'S IT! I'VE CAUGHT HIM! I'VE GOT THE BLASTED VAMPIRE AT LAST!

I RUN TO THE SPOT, PANTING, LAUGHING... BUT WHEN I GET THERE, MY JOY IS THROTTLED!

SOPHIA!

MY LEG, FATHER! IT HURTS! I...I STEPPED INTO A TRAP!

IT'S ALL *MY* FAULT! I PUT THE TRAP THERE! IT WAS MEANT FOR *HIM*... FOR THAT BLASTED VAMPIRE! I'VE GOT TO GET YOU TO THE DOCTOR... HE'S GOT TO SAVE YOUR LEG!

ONCE AGAIN I WAIT AT THE DOCTOR'S HOUSE AS HE WORKS ON MY DAUGHTER... BUT THIS TIME THE WAIT IS NOT LONG!

SHE...SHE'S DEAD?

JA, HERR VON HEINIF!

YOU KNOW WELL, HERR VON HEINIF, THAT'S A SILVER WOUND...IT IS INSTANT DEATH TO A... *A VAMPIRE!*

THE WORDS STAB INTO MY HEART LIKE THE PRONGS OF A DEVIL'S PITCHFORK! I GASP FOR BREATH AS I STAGGER INTO THE ROOM WHERE MY DAUGHTER LIES!

IT'S TRUE! SHE MUST'VE HAD TAINTED VAMPIRE BLOOD IN HER VEINS...AND I NEVER KNEW IT! AND *THAT* IS WHY SHE WAS SO ATTRACTED TO THE CURSED VAMPIRE!

THE SHOCK IS TOO MUCH... EVEN FOR A VON HEINIF HEART!

THE END

ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WEIRD STORIES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER ATLAS

Another Lifetime

IT'S never easy to uproot yourself from everything close to you and move away. But I never felt as though I was moving away. Really, I was moving toward something. I was going back to my old home town.

I don't know, really, why I did come back. Restless, I suppose. Or nostalgic. And it was strange and exciting at first. It had been twenty years and no one remembered me. I hadn't really expected them to. There were very few that I remembered. And the town had changed so! It had grown a lot. But I found the old house still standing alone on the edge of town.

I was delighted, really, that it was still there, and promptly moved right in. I wondered if anyone had lived there in all the years that I had been away. I didn't think so. I felt that it had been somehow preserved just for me—for my return. I felt very lucky.

For the first few weeks I just stayed in the house, cleaning and making things livable. It soon shone like a new penny from my efforts. I was glad that I'd come back.

I was very much alone, at first, but I loved it. Then one day, when I was taking one of my very infrequent walks into town, my next door neighbor called to me from his porch. I'd seen him before and we'd nodded greetings. He was a young man, not much older than myself and I'd caught myself wondering every now and then if he was married or single. I'd never seen a woman around the house.

"Come have a cup of tea with me if you're not in a hurry," he called. He stood on the porch step and smiled at me as I came up the walk. He had a beautiful smile.

"Thank you, I'd love to," I said. He pulled an extra chair out from the living room for me, and wheeled out a small tea wagon. On it were cups & saucers for two, flanking a steaming teapot, and even a plate of little cakes.

"Were you expecting someone else?" I asked.

"Only you," he said. "I've been waiting for you. I thought you'd walk into town today and I was all prepared to invite you to tea."

From his smile, I couldn't tell if he was teasing me or quite serious. I told him I thought that was quite a flattering idea.

"Well," he said, "the fact is, I've been dying to meet you ever since you moved in. I've seen you pass by on your way to town and I've wanted so much to ask you to stop, but I was afraid you'd think me brash."

I was really quite dumbfounded. He was so completely charming and gracious, but I had to caution myself. After all, I *had* just met him and he was being much too flattering. I felt myself blush at his compliments and hardly knew how to answer.

I finally stammered out something like how nice it was to have a neighbor so near in this lonely section of town, and immediately I said it, I realized that it might have sounded quite strange.

"Yes, indeed, it is nice," he said, "and especially nice to find someone living in a house as ramshackle as mine."

At this we both laughed together. It was quite true. My house and his house were both falling apart.

"Well," I said, "my only excuse is sentiment. That house was in my family for years and years, and when I came back and found it empty I was delighted to move right back in.

CONTINUED BEFORE LAST STORY

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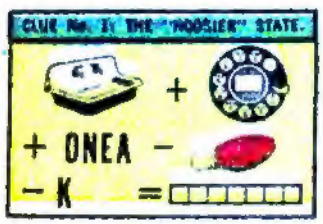

You will see there are a SINK, a DIAL, the SOLE of a shoe and various letters of the alphabet. There are two plus and two minus signs. It is necessary to add and subtract the names and letters as shown by the plus and minus signs. First, write down SINK. Then, add DIAL to it. Next, add ONEA. All this equals SINKDIALONEA. Now, you must subtract the letters in SOLE and K. When this is done you are left with INDIANA. Indiana is the Hoosier State, so the result checks with Clue No. 1.

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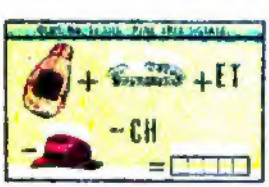

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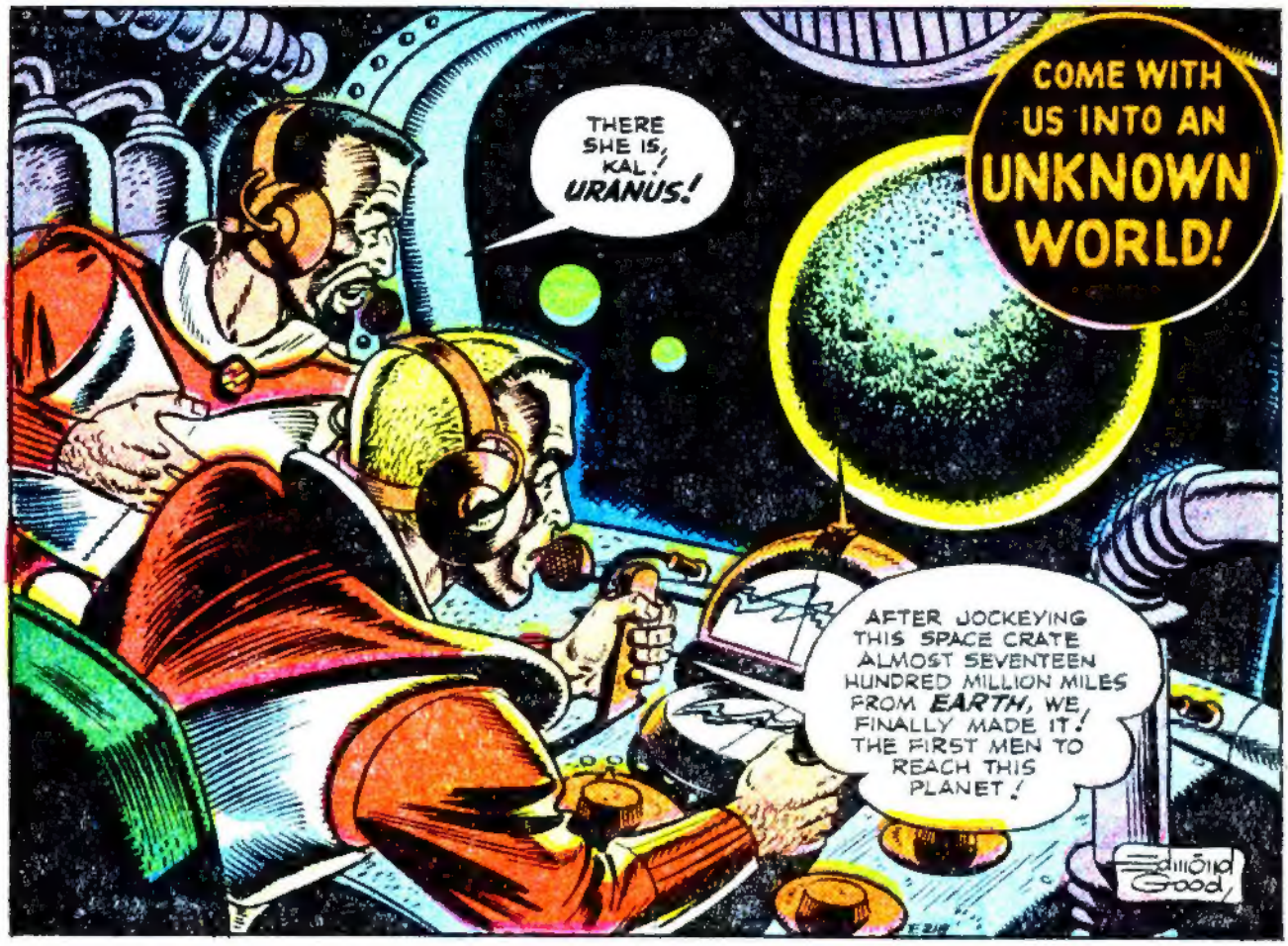
WHILE YOUR GOOSE PIMPLES FADE AWAY AFTER THAT VAMPIRE BIT, LET'S GET ABOARD THIS SPACE SHIP AND SEE WHAT THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE IS LIKE! THESE BOYS **WON'T** LIKE WHAT THEY SEE... BUT THE **REAL** SHOCKER IS SET FOR JOURNEY'S **END!**

MAN ALONE

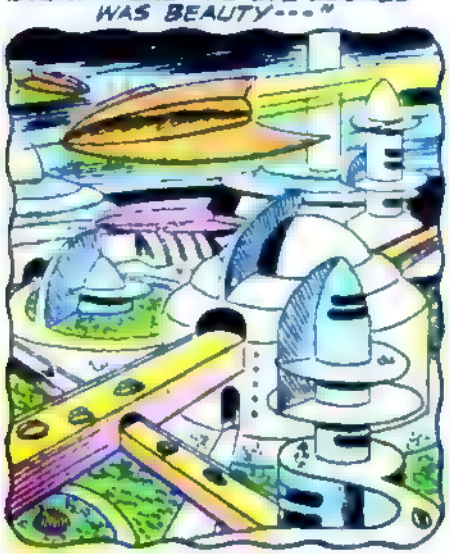

THERE SHE IS, KAL! URANUS!
COME WITH US INTO AN UNKNOWN WORLD!
AFTER JOCKEYING THIS SPACE CRATE ALMOST SEVENTEEN HUNDRED MILLION MILES FROM EARTH, WE FINALLY MADE IT! THE FIRST MEN TO REACH THIS PLANET!
Edmond Good

THE SHIP TURNS TAIL TO TOUCH DOWN, AS THE YEAR 2534 MARKS A NEW CONQUEST OF SPACE ---

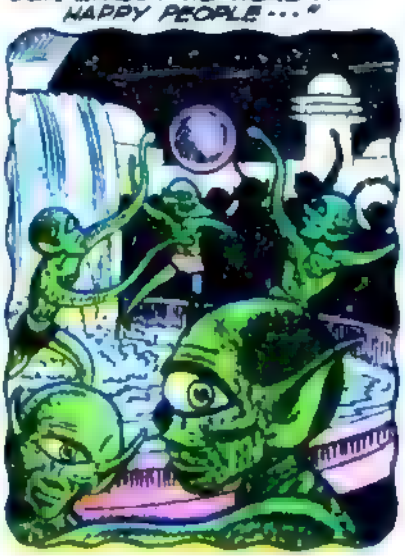
SUITING UP, THE TWO EXPLORERS OPEN THE HATCH AND STRIDE OUT ON THE ALIEN WORLD ---

SLOWLY, THE TWO SPACEMEN ADVANCE ACROSS THE GRIM, SILENT RUINS...
KAL, SOMETHING WENT THROUGH HERE IN A HURRY!
THERE'S NOT A LIVING THING LEFT!
WHOEVER WAS LIVING HERE HAD AN ADVANCED CULTURE, NORT! SOME OF THESE SMASHED GADGETS SEEM AHEAD OF OUR LATEST EQUIPMENT!
I WONDER WHAT DESTROYED THIS WORLD? IT MUST HAVE HELD FANTASTIC SECRETS WE'LL NEVER LEARN NOW!
KAL! LOOK!
H-HE'S MOVING!
S-SPEAK MORE! I CAN ADJUST MY LANGUAGE TO YOURS!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU'RE THE ONLY LIVING BEING WE'VE FOUND! WHAT HAPPENED?
CAN'T MOVE ARM ANY MORE... BUT OTHERWISE, I SEEM UNHARMED!
WE'LL TAKE YOU TO OUR SHIP! YOU CAN REST SAFELY THERE! BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHERS?
THIS WAS KELA, THE ONLY INHABITED PLACE ON OUR PLANET! HERE WE LIVED FOR COUNTLESS CIRCLINGS OF THE SUN! HERE ALL MEN WERE FRIENDS... THEN, THEY CAME!

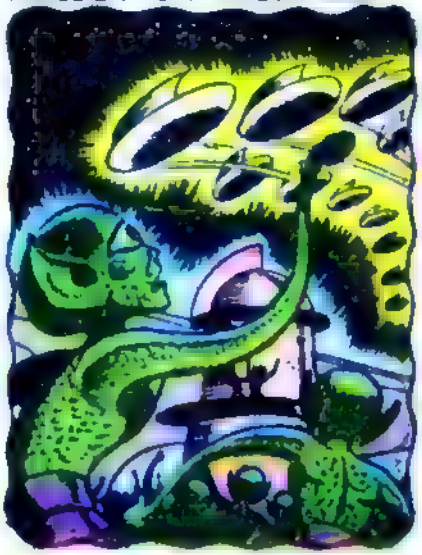
"BEFORE THEY CAME, OUR SCIENTISTS HAD BUILT US A MAGNIFICENT DWELLING PLACE! EVERYWHERE THE EYE LOOKED WAS BEAUTY---"



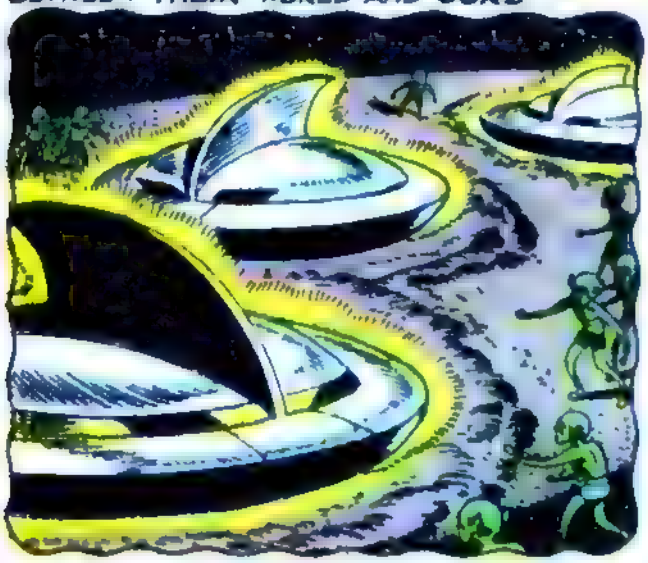
"OUR PEOPLE KNEW OF NO DISEASE, NO CRIME NOR OF WAR! CONTENTMENT RULED OUR LIVES! WE WERE A HAPPY PEOPLE ..."



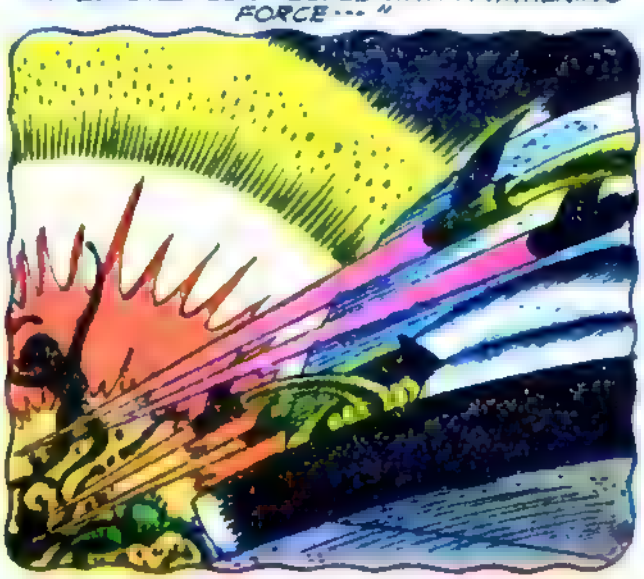
"BUT SUDDENLY, FROM THE DIRECTION OPPOSITE THE SUN, STRANGE CRAFTS SWIRLED THROUGH OUR ATMOSPHERE..."



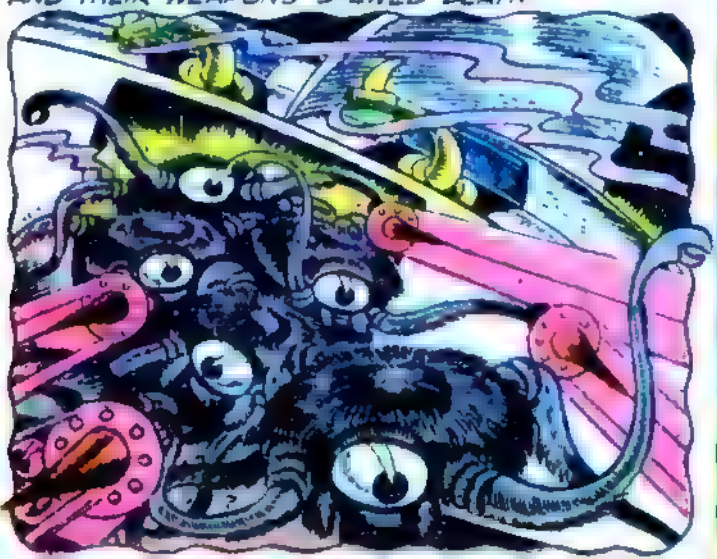
"WE APPROACHED THE FIRST DISKS THAT LANDED, HOPING TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH WHATEVER BEINGS HAD BRIDGED THE SPACE VOID BETWEEN THEIR WORLD AND OURS ..."



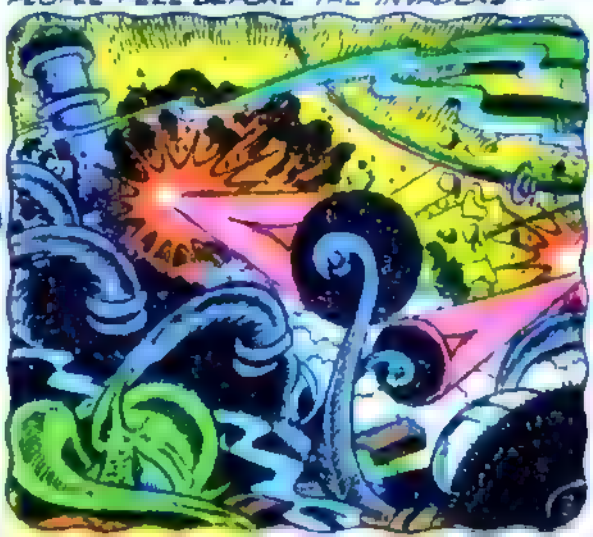
"BUT SUDDENLY, A STRANGE INSTRUMENT BUDDED FROM THE DISKS AND A FLASHING RAY BLASTED OUR PEOPLE WITH A WITHERING FORCE ... "



"THEN, OUT OF THE DISKS, LURID, BLACK, MANY-LIMBED MONSTERS SLITHERED! THERE WAS MENACE STAMPED IN THEIR VILE-LOOKING EYES AND THEIR WEAPONS SPEWED DEATH ... "



"BEFORE OUR PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE COULD ORGANIZE, THE MONSTERS WERE UPON US! NOTHING COULD WITHSTAND THEIR WEAPONS! WALLS CRUMBLED, PEOPLE FELL BEFORE THE INVADERS..."



Now! The Amazing Facts about

BALDNESS

...AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

The following facts are brought to the attention of the public because of a widespread belief that nothing can be done about hair loss. This belief has no basis in medical fact. Worse, it has condemned many men and women to needless baldness by their neglect to treat certain accepted causes of hair loss.

There are six principal types of hair loss, or *alopecia*, as it is known in medical terms:

1. Alopecia from diseases of the scalp
2. Alopecia from other diseases or from an improper functioning of the body
3. Alopecia of the aged (senile baldness)
4. Alopecia areata (loss of hair in patches)
5. Alopecia of the young (premature baldness)
6. Alopecia at birth (congenital baldness)

Senile, premature and congenital alopecia cannot be helped by anything now known to modern science. Alopecia from improper functioning of the body requires the advice and treatment of your family physician.

BUT MANY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE A SPECIFIC SCALP DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF HAIR LOSS.

This disease is called Seborrhea and can be broadly classified into two clinical forms with the following symptoms

1. *DRY SEBORRHEA:* The hair is dry, lifeless, and without gloss. A dry flaky dandruff is usually present with accompanying itchiness. Hair loss is considerable and increases with the progress of this disease.

2. *OILY SEBORRHEA:* The hair and scalp are oily and greasy. The hair is slightly sticky to the touch and has a tendency to mat together. Dandruff takes the form of head scales. Scalp is usually itchy. Hair loss is severe with baldness as the end result.

DESTRUCTION OF HAIR FOLLICLES
Caused by Seborrhea

A — Dead hairs; B — Hair-destroying bacteria; C — Hypertrophied sebaceous glands; D — Atrophic follicles.

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Seborrhea is believed to be caused by three *germ organisms* — staphylococcus albus, pityrosporum ovale, and acnes bacillus.

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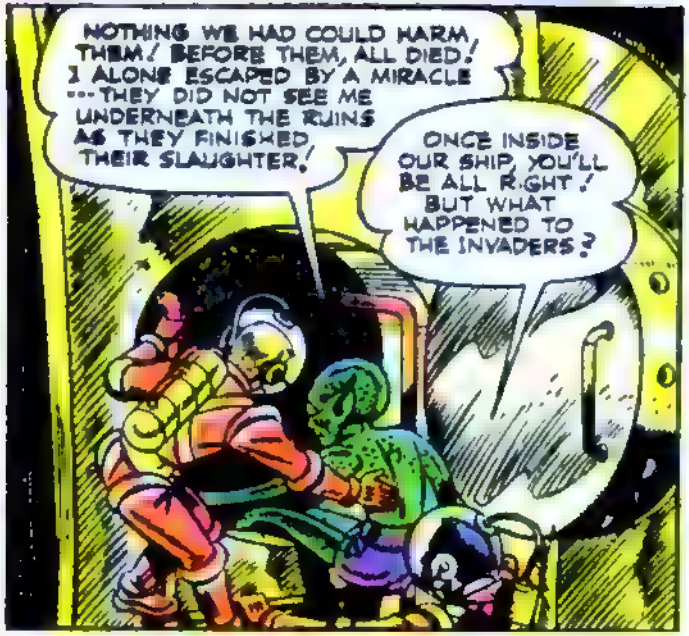
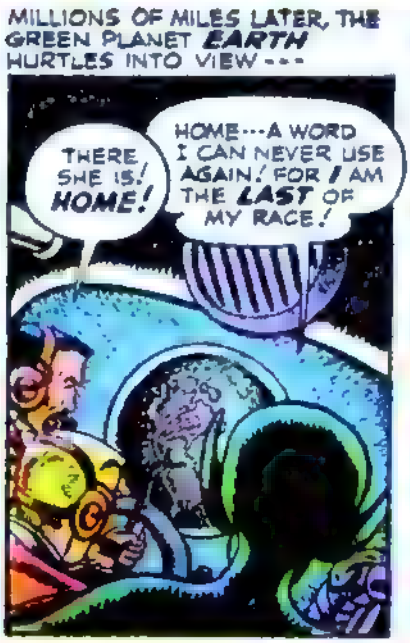

NOTHING WE HAD COULD HARM THEM! BEFORE THEM, ALL DIED! I ALONE ESCAPED BY A MIRACLE --- THEY DID NOT SEE ME UNDERNEATH THE RUINS AS THEY FINISHED THEIR SLAUGHTER!
ONCE INSIDE OUR SHIP, YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT! BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE INVADERS?

AS SUDDENLY AS THEY CAME THEY DEPARTED! THEY TOOK NOTHING! THEY EXAMINED NOTHING! THEY ARE RAVAGERS! THEY KNOW BUT ONE THING--- TO DESTROY!

FROM THE MUTE RUINS, THE SPACE SHIP BLASTS OFF FROM THE DEATH-STREWN PLANET, HEADING BACK ACROSS THE SOLAR SYSTEM, EARTH-BOUND--


MILLIONS OF MILES LATER, THE GREEN PLANET EARTH HURTLES INTO VIEW ---
THERE SHE IS! HOME!
HOME---A WORD I CAN NEVER USE AGAIN! FOR I AM THE LAST OF MY RACE!

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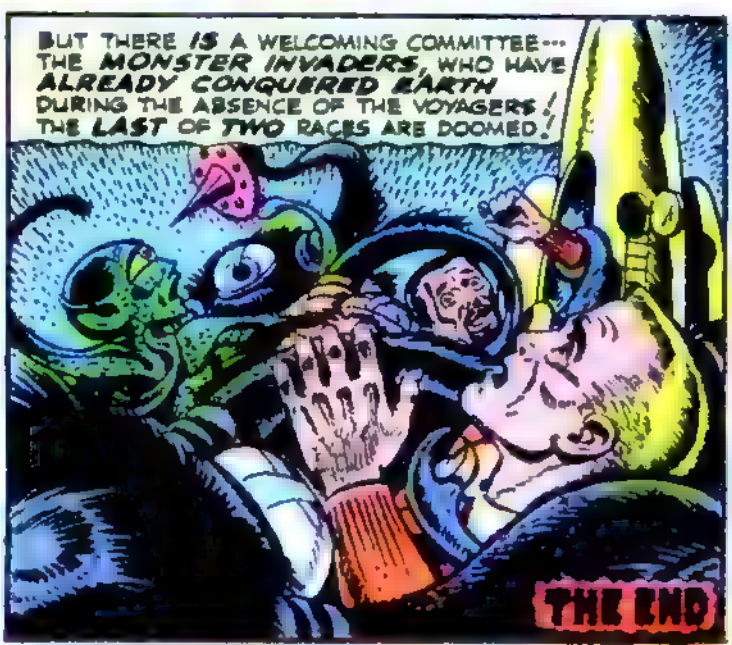
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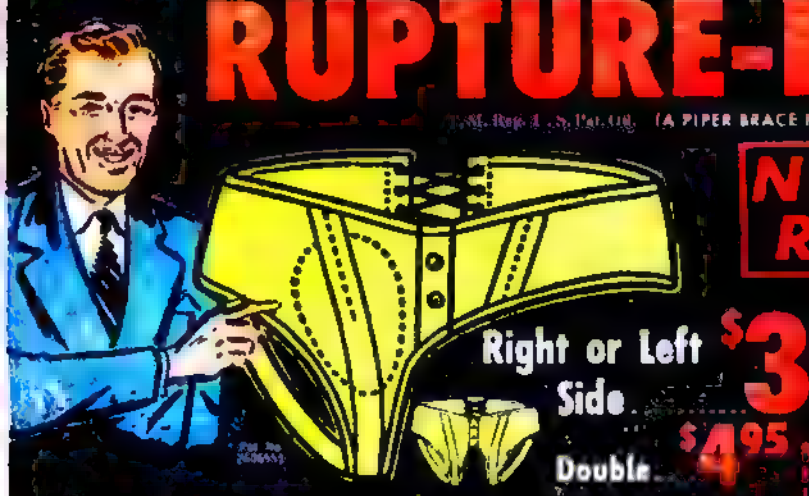

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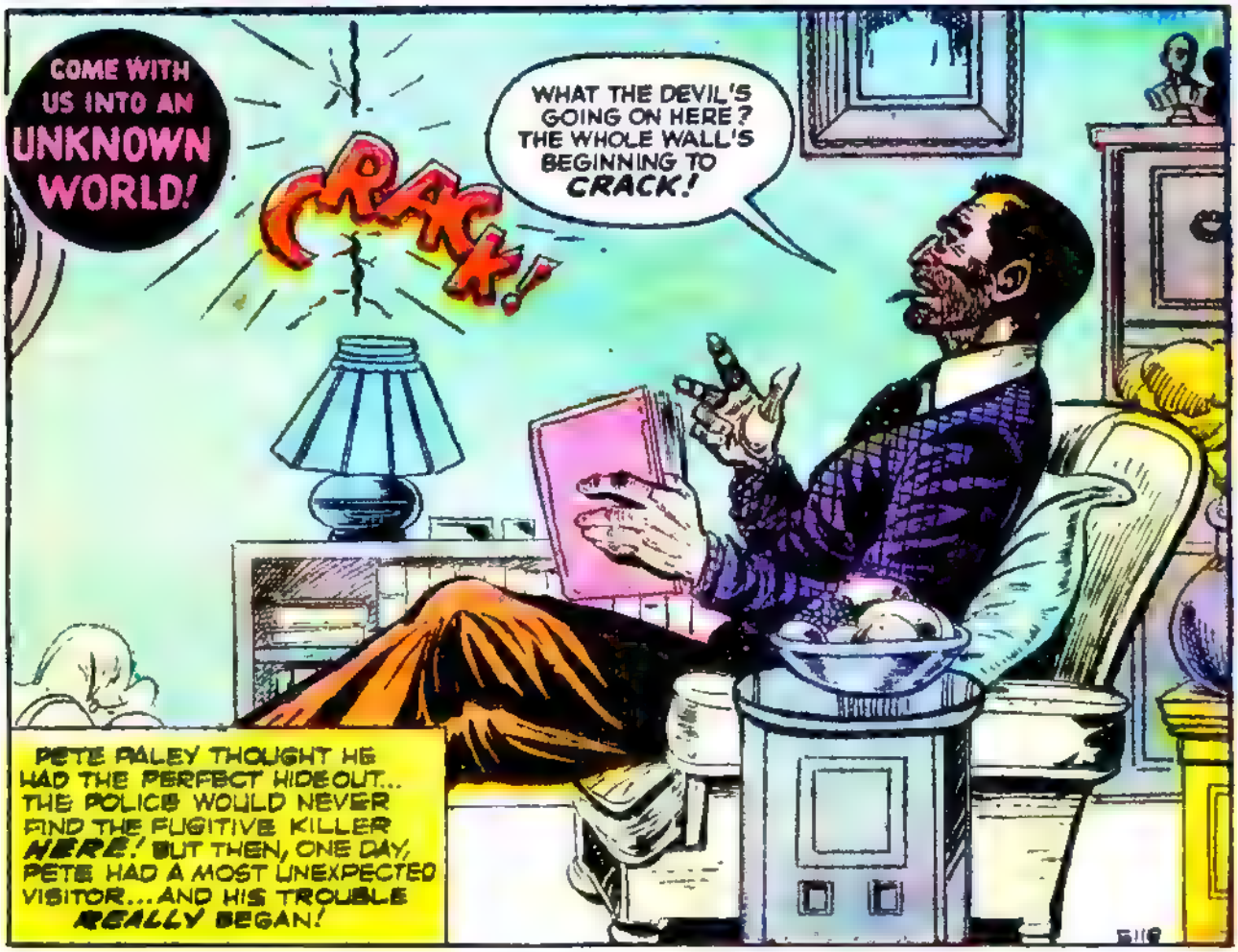
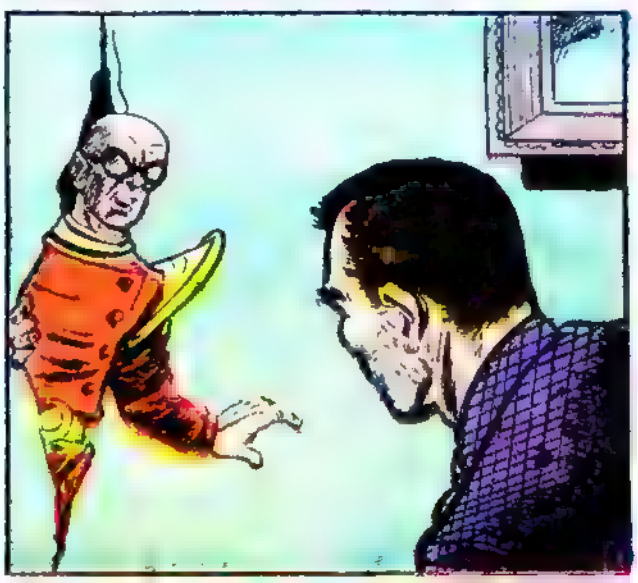
MAN IN THE WALL!


COME WITH US INTO AN UNKNOWN WORLD!
CRACK!
WHAT THE DEVIL'S GOING ON HERE? THE WHOLE WALL'S BEGINNING TO CRACK!
PETE PALEY THOUGHT HE HAD THE PERFECT HIDEOUT... THE POLICE WOULD NEVER FIND THE FUGITIVE KILLER *HERE!* BUT THEN, ONE DAY, PETE HAD A MOST UNEXPECTED VISITOR... AND HIS TROUBLE *REALLY* BEGAN!

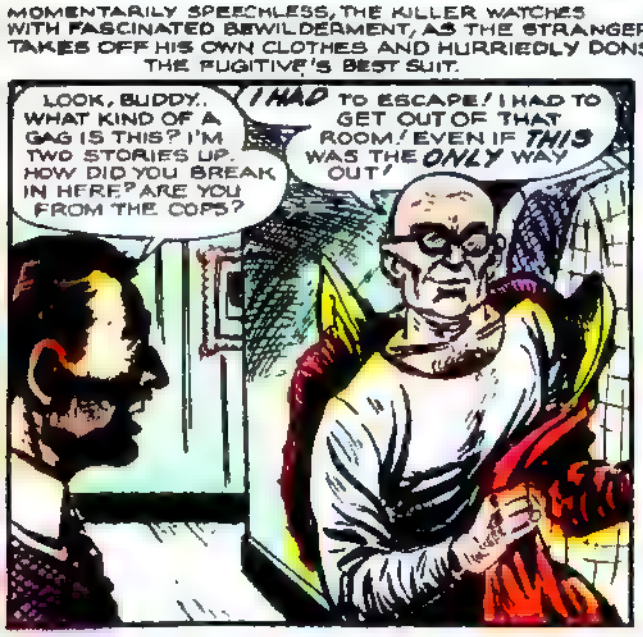
PETE PALEY PUTS DOWN HIS BOOK AND STARES INCREDULOUSLY AT HIS LIVING ROOM WALL, AS THE CRACK WIDENS

IT AIN'T NO EARTHQUAKE...I DIDN'T FEEL NO TREMOR/THE WALL MUST BE STRONG THE HOUSE IS ONLY A COUPLE O' YEARS OLD/ BUT WHAT THE DEVIL IS MAKING THE OPENING?
CRACK!
CRACK!

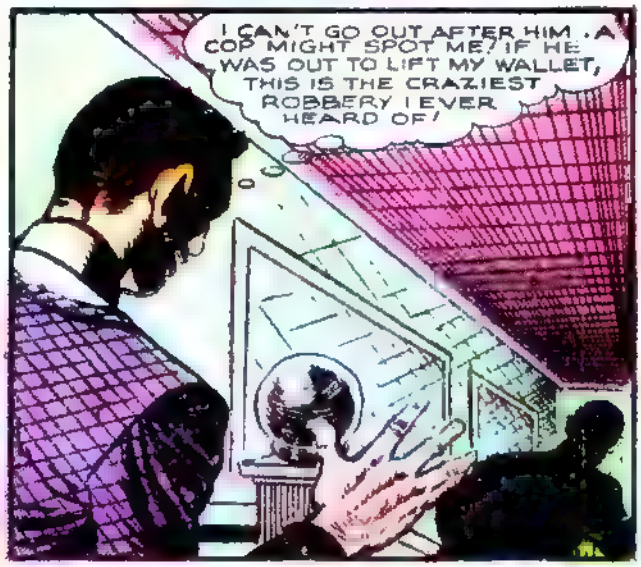
AND AS THE MYSTERIOUS OPENING SLOWLY ROUNDS OUT, A FANTASTICALLY-DRESSED MAN WIGGLES HIS WAY THROUGH THE SHATTERED WALL!



MOMENTARILY SPEECHLESS, THE KILLER WATCHES WITH FASCINATED BEWILDERMENT, AS THE STRANGER TAKES OFF HIS OWN CLOTHES AND HURRIEDLY DONS THE FUGITIVE'S BEST SUIT.


LOOK, BUDDY.. WHAT KIND OF A GAG IS THIS? I'M TWO STORIES UP. HOW DID YOU BREAK IN HERE? ARE YOU FROM THE COPS?
I HAD TO ESCAPE! I HAD TO GET OUT OF THAT ROOM! EVEN IF THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY OUT!

BUT BEFORE PETE CAN ACT, THE WEIRD CHARACTER BOLTS OUT THE FRONT DOOR AND RACES DOWN THE STAIRS



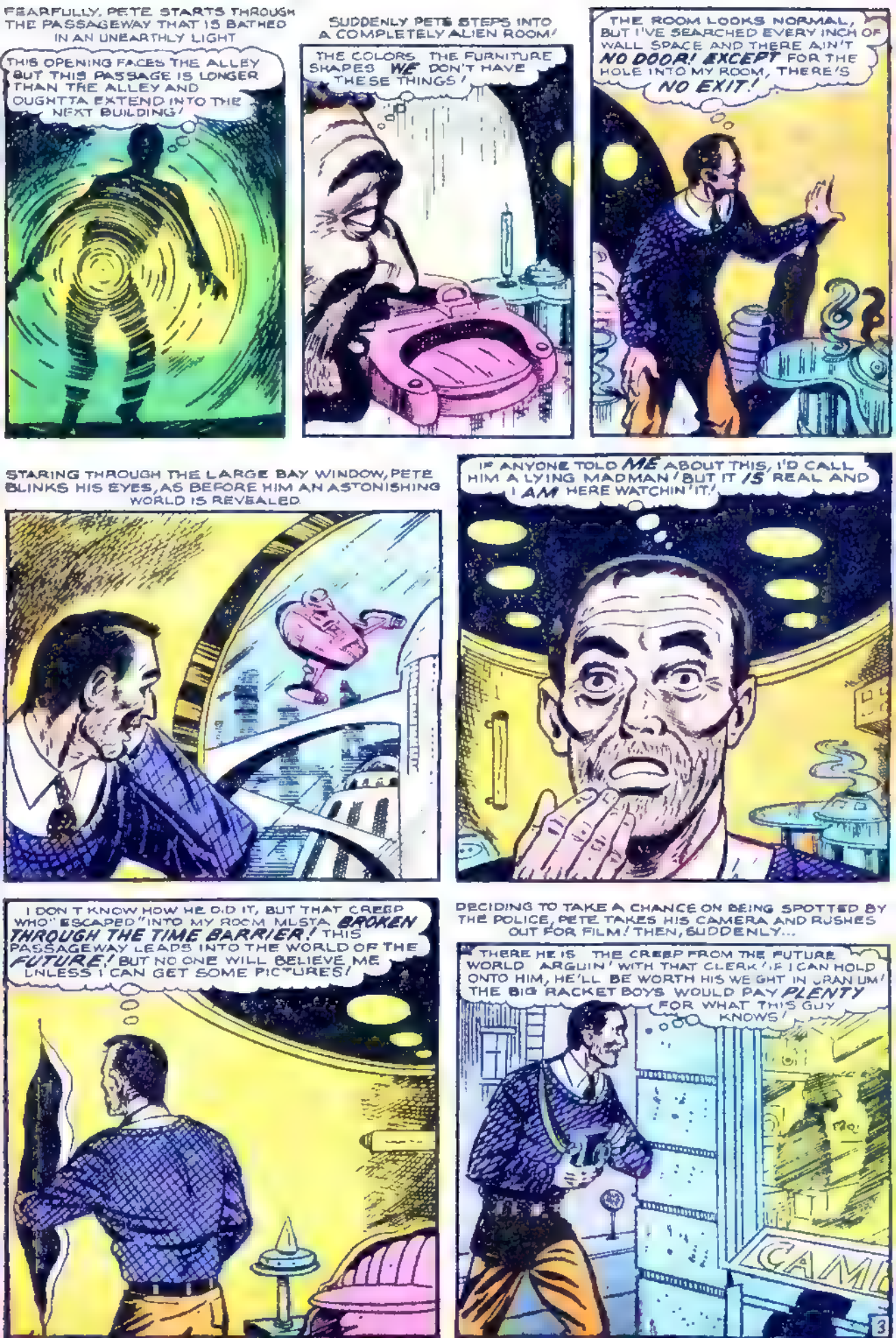
MORE PUZZLED THAN ANGERED OVER THE STARTLING EVENTS, PETE EXAMINES THE MAN'S DISCARDED CLOTHES..

I AIN'T NEVER FELT NOTHIN' LIKE THIS FABRIC.. IT'S KINDA LIGHT, BUT SEEMS WARMER AND STRONGER THAN ANYTHING I'VE EVER WORN! WONDER WHAT'S IN THE POCKETS?

OUT OF THE POCKETS SPILL WEIRD GADGETS.

LOOKS LIKE THE CREEP COLLECTED MORE JUNK THAN A SMALL KID. BUT I'LL BE HANGED IF I CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT ANY OF THESE THINGS ARE FOR!

THEN THE FUGITIVE TURNS TOWARD THE HOLE! THE PASSAGEWAY IS BIG ENOUGH TO ADMIT HIS BODY AND FROM BEYOND, AN EERIE GLOW SEEMS TO BECKON


FEARFULLY, PETE STARTS THROUGH THE PASSAGEWAY THAT IS BATHED IN AN UNEARTHLY LIGHT
THIS OPENING FACES THE ALLEY BUT THIS PASSAGE IS LONGER THAN THE ALLEY AND OUGHTTA EXTEND INTO THE NEXT BUILDING!
SUDDENLY PETE STEPS INTO A COMPLETELY ALIEN ROOM!
THE COLORS THE FURNITURE SHAPES WE DON'T HAVE THESE THINGS!
THE ROOM LOOKS NORMAL, BUT I'VE SEARCHED EVERY INCH OF WALL SPACE AND THERE AIN'T NO DOOR! EXCEPT FOR THE HOLE INTO MY ROOM, THERE'S NO EXIT!
STARING THROUGH THE LARGE BAY WINDOW, PETE BLINKS HIS EYES, AS BEFORE HIM AN ASTONISHING WORLD IS REVEALED
IF ANYONE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS, I'D CALL HIM A LYING MADMAN! BUT IT IS REAL AND I AM HERE WATCHIN' IT!
I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DID IT, BUT THAT CREEP WHO ESCAPED INTO MY ROOM MUSTA BROKEN THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER! THIS PASSAGEWAY LEADS INTO THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE! BUT NO ONE WILL BELIEVE ME UNLESS I CAN GET SOME PICTURES!
DECIDING TO TAKE A CHANCE ON BEING SPOTTED BY THE POLICE, PETE TAKES HIS CAMERA AND RUSHES OUT FOR FILM! THEN, SUDDENLY...
THERE HE IS THE CREEP FROM THE FUTURE WORLD ARGUIN' WITH THAT CLERK! IF I CAN HOLD ONTO HIM, HE'LL BE WORTH HIS WEIGHT IN URANIUM! THE BIG RACKET BOYS WOULD PAY PLENTY FOR WHAT THIS GUY KNOWS!
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HOW CAN YOU CALL YOURSELF A PHOTOGRAPHER WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF ONE-LENS FOUR DIMENSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY?
NO! DON'T! STOP!
YOU'RE ACT'N' LIKE A MADMAN! STOP IT BEFORE YOU KILL HIM!
BUT PETE CAN'T SEPARATE THE MEN, AND THE STRANGER'S STRANGLING GRIP TIGHTENS ON THE CLERK'S NECK
THE GASPING CLERK'S TONGUE LOLLS IN HIS FEAR-DISTORTED MOUTH, AND THEN HE BREATHES NO MORE!
Y-YOU YOU.
OUT OF MY WAY!
GRAB THE MURDERER!
STOP HIM! GET THAT KILLER!
BUT IN THE CONFUSION, THE MAN ESCAPES! SOON, CONCEALED BY THE CROWD, PETE SEES A POLICEMAN EXAMINING THE LIFELESS CORPSE.
OFFICER, THE MURDERER DROPPED THIS WALLET!
IF THERE ARE ANY IDENTIFICATION PAPERS IN IT, WE'LL HAVE HIM CAPTURED IN NO TIME!
PETER PALEY 21 TURNER STREET! HEY.. THAT'S THE GUY WE'VE BEEN LOOKIN' FOR FOR THAT HOLD-UP MURDER LAST MONTH!
GOTTA GET THE LOOT AT THE APARTMENT AND GET OUT FAST!
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PANTING FROM RUNNING, THE FUGITIVE ENTERS HIS ROOM AND LOCKS THE DOOR / BUT THE SOUND OF POLICE CAR SIRENS MAKES THE KILLER FEARFUL AND DESPERATE!

NO TIME TO PACK AND GET AWAY! WHAT'LL I DO? THE OPENIN' IN THE WALL. MAYBE *THAT'S* A LUCKY BREAK AFTER ALL!

DESPERATELY, PETE SEARCHES FOR A WAY TO CLOSE THE WALL PASSAGE, AS HE HEARS HIS BELL RING / HIS WILDLY GROPING FINGERS FINALLY FIND A KNOB.

IT'S *CLOSIN'*... AND JUST IN TIME! THEY BROKE DOWN THE DOOR!

I'M *SAFE* IN THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE! BUT HOW DO I GET OUTTA THIS ROOM? IT AIN'T GOT NO DOORS!

AT LEAST THE COPS CAN'T TOUCH ME HERE! OH OH! COMPANY'S COMIN'! BUT THEM CREEPS WILL NEED A CAN OPENER TO GET INTO THIS JOINT!

SUDDENLY PETE HEARS A SLIDING NOISE / A TINY PANEL OPENS AND A WEIRD GUN MUZZLE IS SHOVED THROUGH IT

THIRTY-SEVEN O'CLOCK, ASTRAL TIME! IT'S THE HOUR FOR THIS *HOMICIDAL MANIAC'S EXECUTION!*

HE IS STILL IN THIS ABSOLUTELY SEALED ROOM! EVEN A CUNNING MADMAN LIKE HIM COULDN'T MAKE GOOD HIS THREAT OF ESCAPING THROUGH THE *TIME BARRIER!*

FIRE!

NO! WAIT! THERE'S BEEN A MISTAKE! STOP!

BUT BEFORE HIS SHRIEKING PROTEST CAN BE HEARD, LETHAL GAS FUMES FILL THE SEALED ROOM AND PETE PALEY, THE FUGITIVE KILLER, FALLS TO THE FLOOR OF.. *THE DEATH CELL OF THE FUTURE!*

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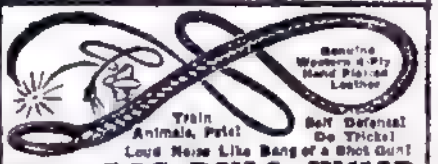

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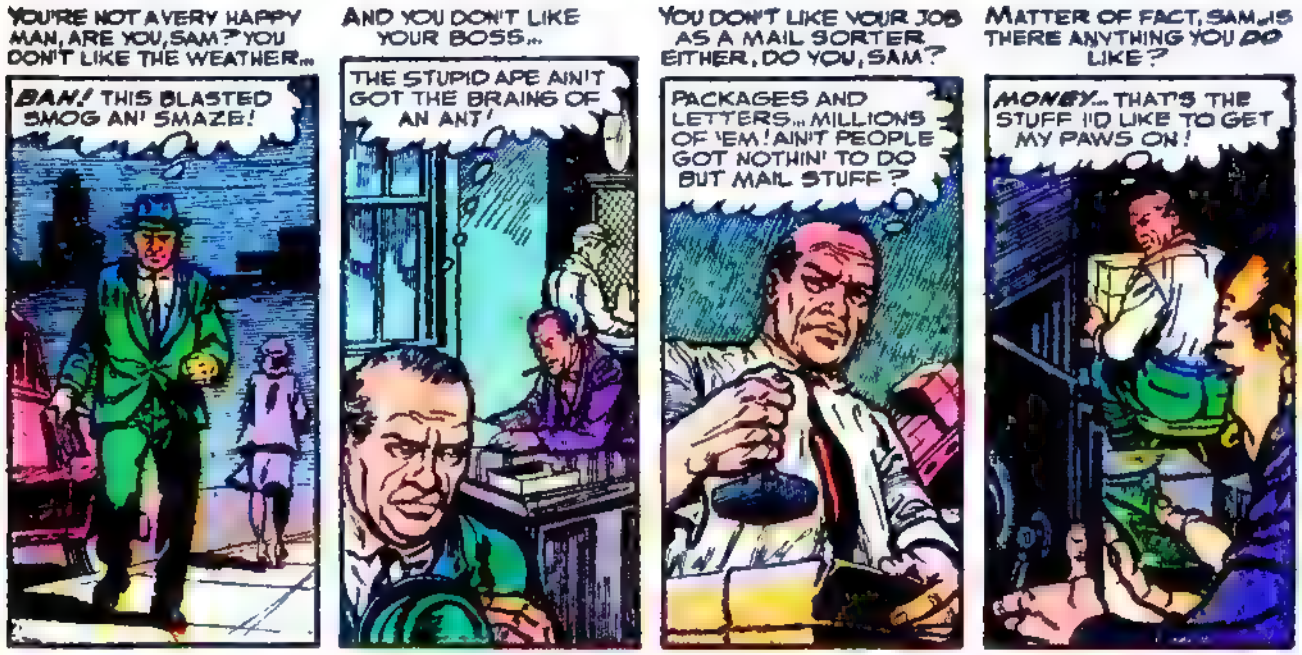
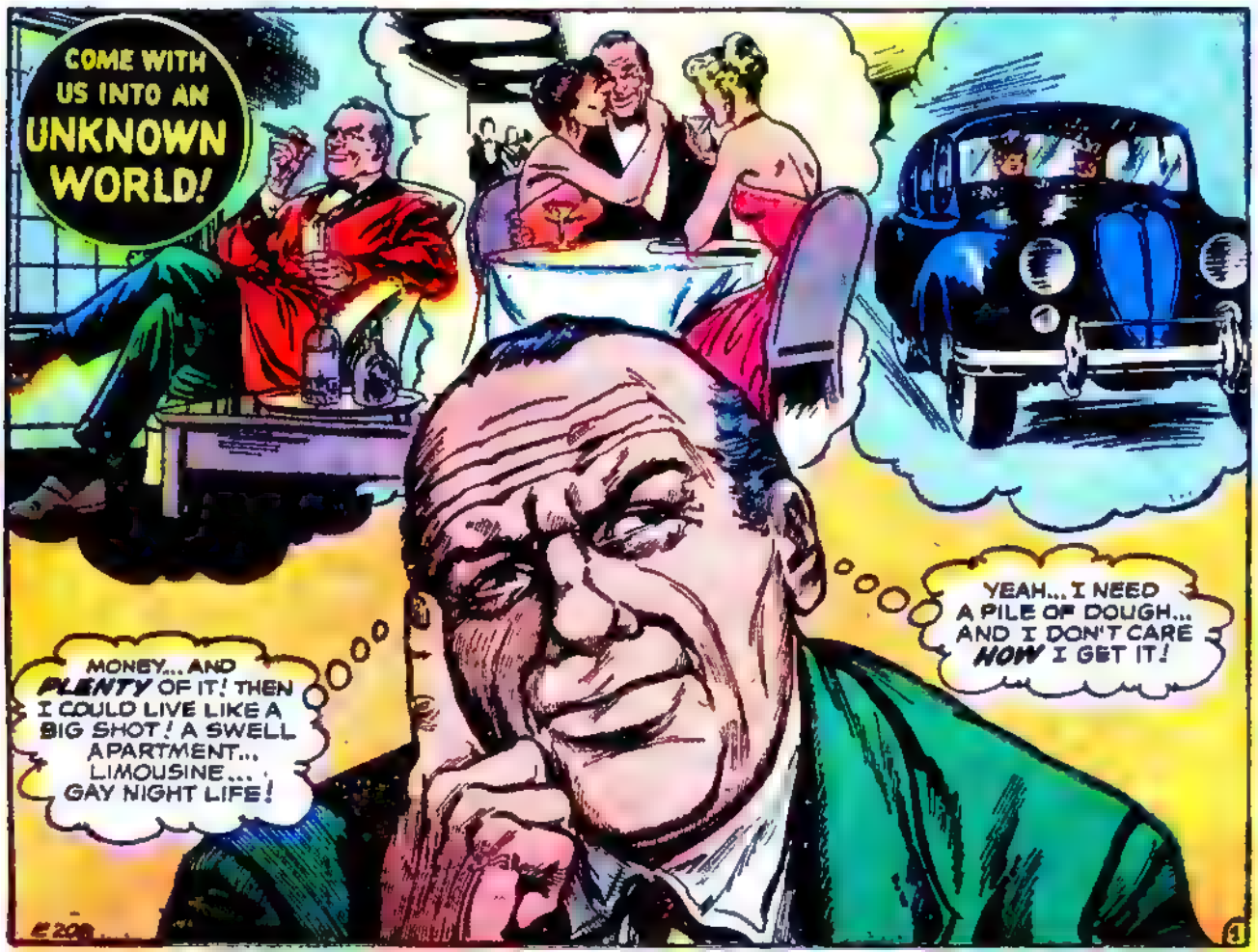
SO LONG, SAM!


YOU'RE NOT A VERY HAPPY MAN, ARE YOU, SAM? YOU DON'T LIKE THE WEATHER...
BAH! THIS BLASTED SMOG AN' SMAZE!
AND YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR BOSS...
THE STUPID APE AIN'T GOT THE BRAINS OF AN ANT!
YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR JOB AS A MAIL SORTER EITHER, DO YOU, SAM?
PACKAGES AND LETTERS... MILLIONS OF 'EM! AIN'T PEOPLE GOT NOTHIN' TO DO BUT MAIL STUFF?
MATTER OF FACT, SAM, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU **DO** LIKE?
MONEY... THAT'S THE STUFF I'D LIKE TO GET MY PAWS ON!


COME WITH US INTO AN UNKNOWN WORLD!
MONEY... AND **PLENTY** OF IT! THEN I COULD LIVE LIKE A BIG SHOT! A SWELL APARTMENT... LIMOUSINE... GAY NIGHT LIFE!
YEAH... I NEED A PILE OF DOUGH... AND I DON'T CARE **HOW** I GET IT!
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THAT'S THE WAY YOU PASS THE DAY AWAY, ISN'T IT, SAM? DREAMING OF WAYS TO GET MONEY! BUT LIKE YOU SAID, IT TAKES GUTS.. AND THAT'S SOMETHING YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH OF ONLY TO DIGEST YOUR FOOD...
MAYBE I AIN'T GOT THE GUTS... BUT I GOT BRAINS! AN' SOMEDAY MY BRAINS ARE GONNA GET ME IN THE DOUGH!
MONEY ORDER
NOW, SAM? HOW CAN YOUR BRAINS GET YOU IN THE DOUGH?
PAPER, MISTER?
YEAH! AN' I WANT THE PENNY CHANGE!
DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT, SAM! HOW ARE YOUR BRAINS GOING TO MAKE MONEY FOR YOU?
I'LL MAKE DOUGH LIKE THIS GUY MAKES IT... BY GETTING A RACKET!
Star
GANGSTER RICKY RAFTIS MAKES MILLIONS IN D.A. CHARGES
BUT WHAT KIND OF RACKET COULD YOU GET, SAM? STEALING STAMPS AT THE POST OFFICE, OR.. HEY, SAM! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF RUNNING ALL OF A SUDDEN?
I GOT IT! THE RACKET! I JUST THOUGHT OF IT... AN' IT'S A NATURAL! I GOTTA HURRY HOME AN' START WORKIN' ON IT!
SO IF YOU'VE GOT TO HURRY, WHAT ARE YOU STOPPING IN THE STATIONERY STORE FOR?
GIMME A HUNDRED MAILING STICKERS! QUICK! I'M IN A HURRY!
OKAY, SAM, YOU'VE BEEN HOME FOR OVER AN HOUR NOW WRITING YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON ALL THOSE MAILING STICKERS YOU BOUGHT! BUT WHY, SAM?
I AIN'T TELLIN' NOBODY ABOUT THIS RACKET! IT'S MINE... I THOUGHT IT UP! I'LL MAKE DOUGH OUTTA IT TOO ... PLENTY OF DOUGH!
THERE YOU GO DREAMING AGAIN, SAM... AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YOUR LIFE, YOU SMILE..
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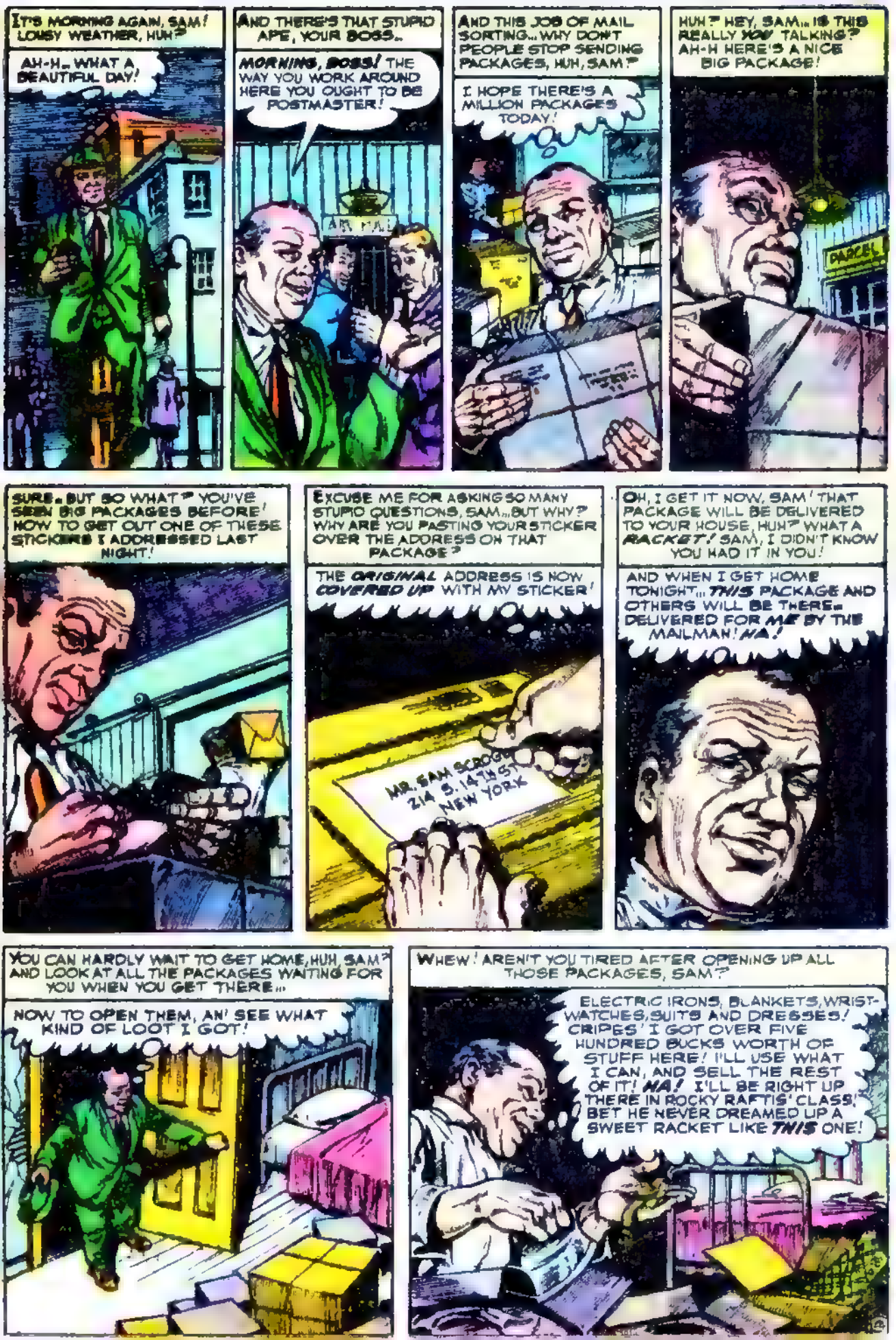
IT'S MORNING AGAIN, SAM! LOUSY WEATHER, HUH?
AH-H... WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!
AND THERE'S THAT STUPID APE, YOUR BOSS..
MORNING, BOSS! THE WAY YOU WORK AROUND HERE YOU OUGHT TO BE POSTMASTER!
AND THIS JOB OF MAIL SORTING... WHY DON'T PEOPLE STOP SENDING PACKAGES, HUH, SAM?
I HOPE THERE'S A MILLION PACKAGES TODAY!
HUH? HEY, SAM... IS THIS REALLY YOU TALKING? AH-H HERE'S A NICE BIG PACKAGE!
PARCEL
SURE... BUT SO WHAT? YOU'VE SEEN BIG PACKAGES BEFORE! NOW TO GET OUT ONE OF THESE STICKERS I ADDRESSED LAST NIGHT!
EXCUSE ME FOR ASKING SO MANY STUPID QUESTIONS, SAM... BUT WHY? WHY ARE YOU PASTING YOUR STICKER OVER THE ADDRESS ON THAT PACKAGE?
THE ORIGINAL ADDRESS IS NOW COVERED UP WITH MY STICKER!
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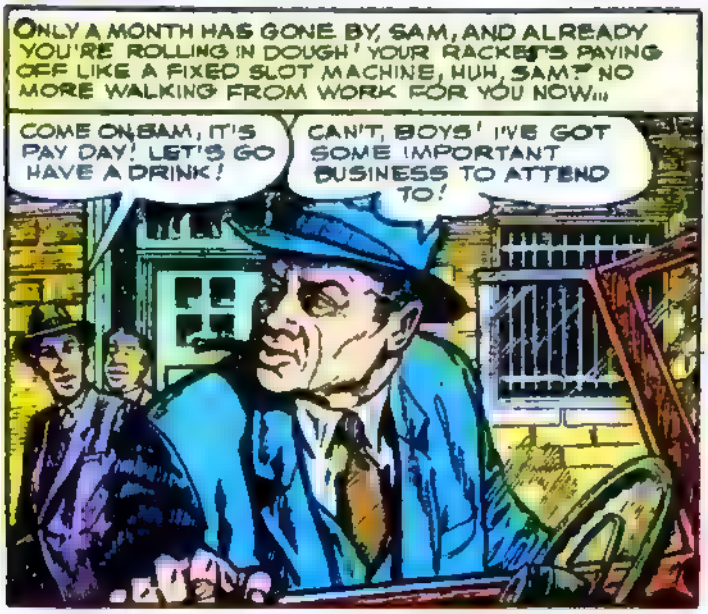
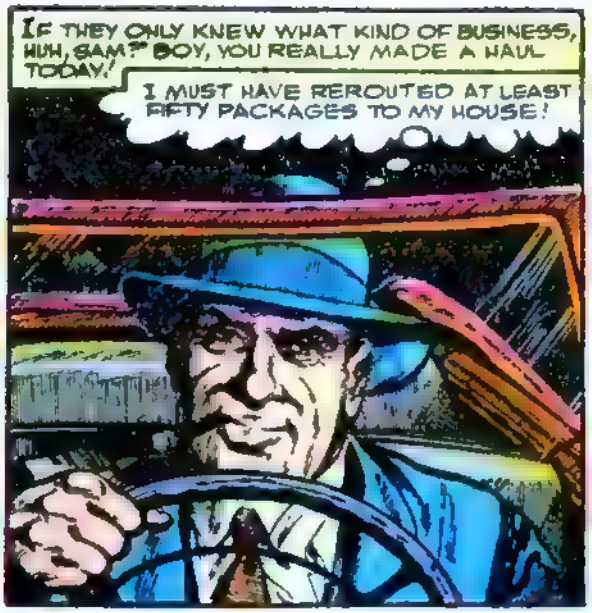
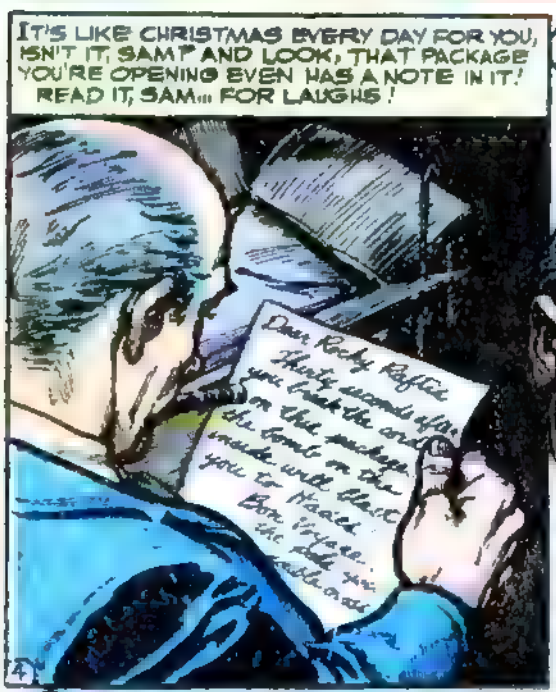
OH, I GET IT NOW, SAM! THAT PACKAGE WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR HOUSE, HUH? WHAT A RACKET! SAM, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD IT IN YOU!
AND WHEN I GET HOME TONIGHT... THIS PACKAGE AND OTHERS WILL BE THERE... DELIVERED FOR ME BY THE MAILMAN! HA!
YOU CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET HOME, HUH, SAM? AND LOOK AT ALL THE PACKAGES WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU GET THERE...
NOW TO OPEN THEM, AN' SEE WHAT KIND OF LOOT I GOT!
WHEW! AREN'T YOU TIRED AFTER OPENING UP ALL THOSE PACKAGES, SAM?
ELECTRIC IRONS, BLANKETS, WRISTWATCHES, SUITS AND DRESSES! CRIPES! I GOT OVER FIVE HUNDRED BUCKS WORTH OF STUFF HERE! I'LL USE WHAT I CAN, AND SELL THE REST OF IT! HA! I'LL BE RIGHT UP THERE IN ROCKY RAFTIS' CLASS! BET HE NEVER DREAMED UP A SWEET RACKET LIKE THIS ONE!

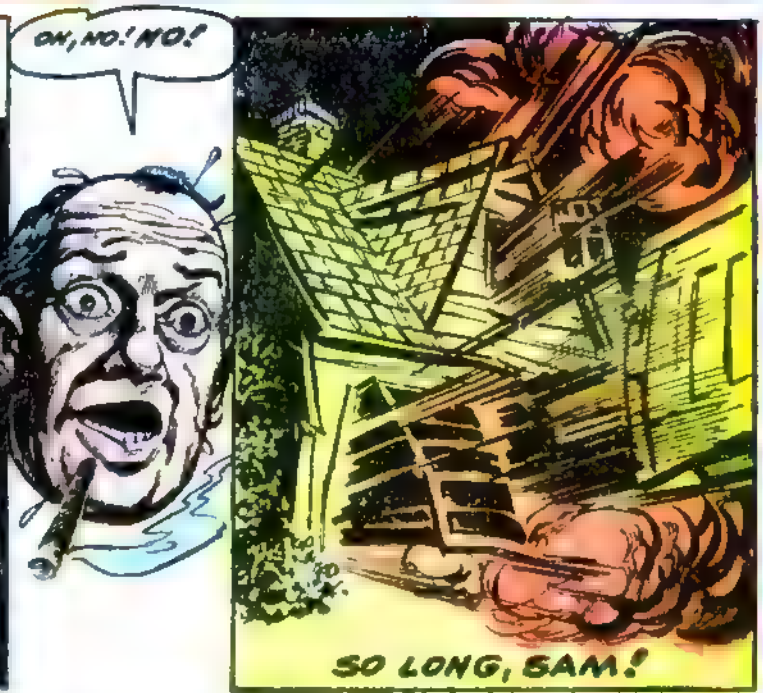

ONLY A MONTH HAS GONE BY, SAM, AND ALREADY YOU'RE ROLLING IN DOUGH! YOUR RACKET'S PAYING OFF LIKE A FIXED SLOT MACHINE, HUH, SAM? NO MORE WALKING FROM WORK FOR YOU NOW...
COME ON, SAM, IT'S PAY DAY! LET'S GO HAVE A DRINK!
CAN'T, BOYS! I'VE GOT SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO!


IF THEY ONLY KNEW WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS, HUH, SAM? BOY, YOU REALLY MADE A HAUL TODAY!
I MUST HAVE REROUTED AT LEAST FIFTY PACKAGES TO MY HOUSE!

AND WHAT A HOUSE! OF COURSE IT'S GOT A MORTGAGE ON IT... BUT YOU'LL PAY THAT OFF IN A YEAR, THE WAY THINGS ARE BREAKING FOR YOU NOW, SAM...
WITH THIS RACKET OF MINE, I'LL OWN A DUMP TWICE AS BIG AS THIS IN A YEAR!

THERE THEY ARE, SAM... ALL THE PACKAGES YOU SLAPPED YOUR ADDRESS LABELS ON AT WORK TODAY...
YEAH... AN' THIS ONE I REMEMBER ESPECIALLY! IT MUST HAVE A GOLD BRICK IN IT! I'LL OPEN IT FIRST!


IT'S LIKE CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY FOR YOU, ISN'T IT, SAM? AND LOOK, THAT PACKAGE YOU'RE OPENING EVEN HAS A NOTE IN IT! READ IT, SAM... FOR LAUGHS!
Dear Rocky Raffle
Hurry seconds after you break the seal on that package, the fumes in the inside will blast you to Nazak. Bon Voyage... the Lady in the Bathroom



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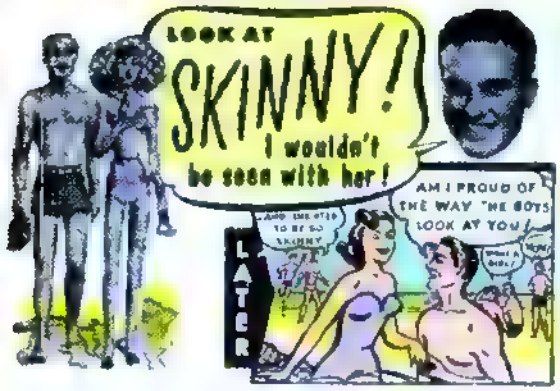

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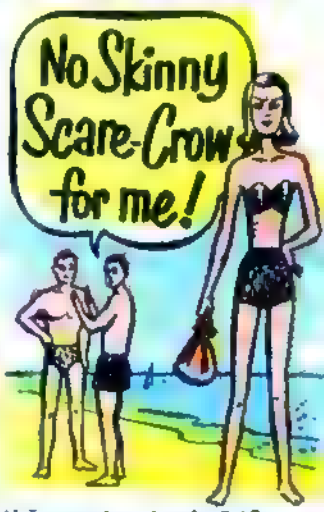

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"Oh, a long time. A very long time." As he said this a strange look crossed over his face. He was looking at me but not seeing me, I realized.

I stood up then to leave, not wanting to disturb his reverie, but he stood up immediately and walked with me to the road.

"You will come again, won't you?" he asked.

"Yes," I said. "Yes, I'll come again."

He was so strange. I walked home, remembering only when I arrived there that I had been on my way to town before I stopped at his house. I was completely confused. How could I be so drawn to a perfect stranger on our first meeting. I was ashamed of myself but I couldn't stop thinking of him, and I saw him a lot in the weeks that followed. We both lived very quietly from choice and his company became a real treat for me. I dreaded the time when he might suggest we see some of his friends but that time never came. He was as alone as I was. I never saw another soul go into his house. He never spoke of friends or family and I never pried. It was too ideal to last.

I knew I should leave — go away and leave him alone. I thought of going away a lot— I was tired of the town—but when I thought of leaving, I thought of taking him with me and this I knew I must never do! He could make the choice himself if he wanted to, but I could not make it for him. I knew I had to one day tell him. I dreaded that day. He would hate me, then.

One day we were sitting on his porch, when a car drove up and stopped before the house. For some reason, I was terrified. I wanted to run. Two men and a woman got out of the car.

I hated them on sight. I didn't want to meet other people while I was with him. Other people spoiled things. He believed in me. He thought I was perfect the way I was. Other people didn't see me the way he did. He didn't know this and I never wanted him to know.

I got up to go, but he held my hand.

"My Darling," he said, "don't go. Stay with me now, and go later if you like. I just want you to know, whatever happens, that you are the most wonderful thing in the world to me. The only *real* thing."

The people were coming up the walk now. One of the men was talking earnestly to the other two. . . .

"But, surely, you don't believe that nonsense about the house being haunted! Why this *is* the twentieth century. That talk is straight out of the Middle Ages! You'll never find another buy like this . . ."

They were on the porch now, and I watched astounded as they unlocked the door and walked into the house! They didn't see either of us!

Of course they didn't see me, but . . . !

I turned to face him and saw that his surprise was as great as mine.

"I . . ." he stammered, "You mean . . . It can't be! I thought . . ."

"Yes, and so did I! I thought it was too perfect to last."

"Then we don't have to stay here any longer, do we? I didn't want to stay. I'm tired of haunting this house. I only stayed because of you. Let's go back!"

"Oh, yes, darling," I said, "let's do go back. We do belong together, but not in this world. We've lived one lifetime here but there's another one left to live . . . in the other world!"

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I'VE BEEN SAVING THIS ... FOR OUR GRAND FINALE! HERE'S A CREEP WHO CAN'T REMEMBER WHO HE IS ... OR WHERE HE CAME FROM ... OR WHERE HE'S GOING! BOY, HE A CRAZY MIXED-UP KID!

WHO AM I?

THIS WAS FANTASTIC... HORRIBLY FANTASTIC! IF IT WASN'T HAPPENING TO ME I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT! I'D SAY IT COULDN'T BE TRUE! AND YET... IT *WAS* HAPPENING! AND I KNOW THAT IT *IS TRUE!* I *KNOW IT!*

WHEN DID IT BEGIN? I DON'T KNOW! ALL I KNOW IS THAT SUDDENLY, HERE I WAS... IN THIS TERRIBLE, STRANGE AND UNBELIEVABLE PLACE!

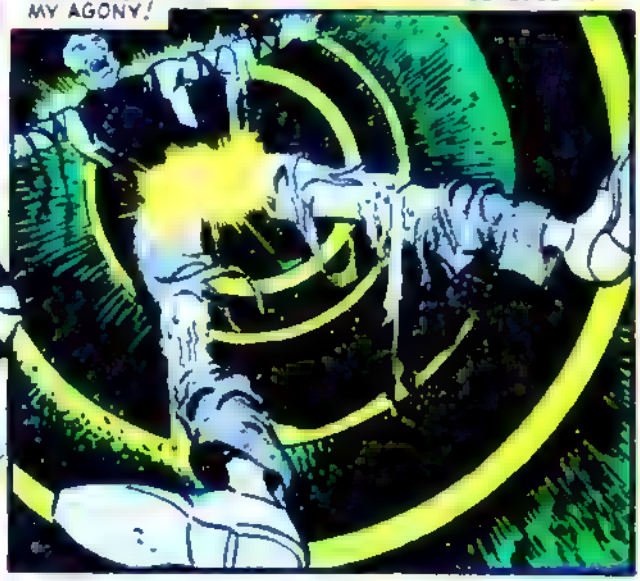
I SCREAMED AS THE BUILDINGS MELTED AND COLLAPSED ABOUT ME! BUT THE SCREAM WAS CUT OFF IN MY THROAT BY THE SUFFOCATION THAT SET IN!

THEN BLACKNESS CLOSED IN ON ME...BUT NOT BEFORE I SAW... ***MY HANDS!***

HANDS? CALL THEM ...***CLAWS!*** THEN OUT OF THE BLACKNESS AND THE HORROR, I SCREAMED OUT...

YES, THAT WAS THE QUESTION! "WHO AM I?" I DIDN'T KNOW! I HAD NO IDEA! EVERYTHING ELSE WAS A BLANK! I WAS JUST HERE, IN THIS AWFUL INFERNO, IN THIS WORLD OF UNREALITY AND HORROR! THEN...

HOW COULD THIS BE HAPPENING TO ANYBODY? MY BODY MELTED AND CAME APART...ITS PIECES FALLING AWAY FROM EACH OTHER...AND I WAS HELPLESS IN MY AGONY!



BUT THE PIECES CAME TOGETHER AGAIN AND THIS TIME I BECAME A DIFFERENT SHAPE AS THE PIECES JOINED EACH OTHER... ***IN THE WRONG PLACES!***

AGAIN IT HAPPENED...AND AGAIN...AND AGAIN...BUT THROUGH IT ALL CAME A FEAR! I BECAME AWARE OF A WARNING... OF SOMETHING THAT WAS EVEN MORE HORRIBLE THAN ANYTHING ELSE THAT HAD HAPPENED SO FAR!

A BELL! YES, A BELL! SOMEHOW I KNEW THAT WHAT I HAD TO FEAR MOST OF ALL WAS...***A BELL!***

TERROR GAVE SPEED TO MY LEGS AS I RAN FROM THE THOUGHT OF THE BELL, RUNNING ON AND ON IN A HAZE OF STRANGE LIGHTS!

AND SUDDENLY... THE GROUND FELL AWAY BENEATH ME! I WAS LEFT IN SPACE!

THE NEXT INSTANT I WAS FALLING FAR AND DEEP, PAST ENDLESS CHASMS AND FINGERS OF FLAME!

OUT OF NOWHERE CAME VULTURES SCREAMING AS THEY NIPPED AT ME WITH THEIR UGLY BEAKS AND TRIED TO REACH ME WITH THEIR CLUTCHING CLAWS!

BUT I ESCAPED! YES, I ESCAPED... BY SPLASHING ON THE FLAT, SMOOTH GROUND BELOW! AND NOW I WAS A BLOB... A SHAPELESS MATTER!

BUT OUT OF ALL THIS I WAS ABLE TO CRY OUT THE UNANSWERABLE QUESTION...

WHO AM I?

THE BLOB WAS SUCKED UP BY A STRONG VACUUM, AND STILL I CRIED OUT...

AND ONCE MORE I TOOK ON AN UNHOLY SHAPE, BUT I KEPT ON SCREAMING...

BUT STILL NO ANSWER! WOULD THERE EVER BE ONE? THIS HAD TO END! IT COULDN'T KEEP UP FOREVER! THERE WAS A LIMIT TO ANYONE'S ENDURANCE! BUT STILL THE MAD DANCE CONTINUED... ON AND ON... AND ON!

AND THEN... I HEARD IT...

THE BELL! IT PIERCED THE AWFUL STILLNESS, SHRILL AND INSISTENT!

LOUDER AND LOUDER! HARSHER AND HARSHER! CLOSER AND CLOSER!

THE LOUDER IT RANG, THE MORE TERRIFIED I BECAME! THIS WAS IT! THIS WAS WHAT I FEARED MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE! WHY? ***WHY?***

I WAS GROWING SMALLER AND SMALLER! I KNEW THAT SOON I WOULD ***VANISH***, MY QUESTION STILL UNANSWERED!

WITH THE LAST OF MY STRENGTH I SCREAMED...

AND, AS THE BELL GREW LOUDER, AND BEFORE I VANISHED COMPLETELY, I ***KNEW!***

I WAS A CHARACTER IN SOMEONE'S NIGHTMARE!

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